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FOR UNDER SECRETARY PORTER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: SECOND ROUND

1. DURING MTG WITH FONMIN AGUSTSSON YESTERDAY, HE SUGGESTED NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE REYKJAVIK DURING WEEK NOV 12, THE EXACT TIME AND DURATION TO BE AT YOUR DISCRETION. HE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST.

2. FONMIN REMARKED THAT HE IS STILL BEING CONFRONTED WITH DEMANDS BY COMMUNIST MINISTER MAGNUS KJARTANSSON AND ANTI-BASE OLL MINISTER MAGNUS TORFI OLAFSSON TO BE NAMED OFFICIAL CO-NEGOTIATORS, I.E. A TROIKA ARRANGEMENT SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN CATASTROPHIC FOR THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. HE RETITERATED THAT TO RESIST THESE ATTEMPTS HE MUST BE ASSURED THAT USG NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL NOT BE LARGER THAN PARTICIPATED IN OCT 4 WASH MTG, THAT NO MILITARY MAN BE PRESENT IN THE NEGOTIATING ROOM AND THAT THE USG NEGOTIATING TEAM "AS HAPPENED IN WASH BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF STATE DEPT OFFICIALS AND THE NEGOTIATIONS EXCLUSIVELY UNDER CONTROL OF STATE DEPT." HE ADDED THAT MILITARY MEN MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS OR ON USG BACKUP TEAM.

(COMMENT: FONMIN HAS UNDOUBTEDLY FORGOTTEN THAT BARRINGER IS DEFENSE DEPT CIVILIAN AND THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HIS PRESENCE AS CIVILIAN. I DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE AT THIS
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MOMENT TO PURSUE POINT, BUT CAN DO SO AT LATER DATE UPON RE-

CEIPT YOUR GUIDANCE. AGUSTSSON VERY MUCH CONCERNED WE NOT GIVE THE OTHER TWO MINISTERS ANY REASON FOR INCLUDING THEMSELVES AS NEGOTIATORS.)

3. FONMIN REMARKED HE WAS "VERY PLEASED" WITH WASH TALKS AND FEELS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE GOTTEN OFF TO FINE START. HE BRIEFED PRIMIN AND PRO-BASE MEMBERS OF HIS PROGRESSIVE PARTY ON WASH VISIT. HE SAID THEY WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT AN ACCOMMODATION CAN BE REACHED WHICH WILL SATISFY THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS AS WELL AS USG INTERESTS. FONMIN ALSO WITH OBVIOUS RELISH REMARKED HIS TWO COMMUNIST MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES ARE NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR DESIGNATION AS CHIEF USG DELEGATION BECAUSEOF YOUR REPUTATION "IN COMMUNIST CIRCLES AS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR." AGUSTSSON SAID THEY REMARKED TO HIM OVER WEEKEND "IT IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO DISLODGE THE AMERICANS."

4. DURING COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION I MENTIONED AGAIN THAT WE WERE PUZZLED BY HIS STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH CONTRADICT THE PRO-BASE STAND HE PROFESSES REPRESENTS HIS REAL VIEWS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH ME. ALSO I CAUTIONED HIM THAT HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE CREATING ANTI-BASE SENTIMENT AS WELL AS MAKING MORE TROUBLE FOR HIMSELF IN THE LONG-RUN. AGUSTSSON'S ONLY COMMENT WAS FOR US TO HAVE FAITH THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT IN THE LONG RUN AND THAT FOR TIME BEING POLITICAL NECESSITY FORCES HIM TO CONTINUE THE UNCOMPROMISING STAND HE HAS BEEN TAKING IN PUBLIC.

5. COMMENT: LEGAL ADVISER HANS ANDERSEN, WHO ACCOMPANIED FONMIN TO WASH CONFIRMS THAT FONMIN WAS PLEASED WITH WASH MTG AND THAT FONMIN INDEED IS PRO-BASE, BUT LIKE US, ANDERSEN IS WORRIED OVER AGUSTSSON'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS FEELING THAT HE IS NOT AS-TUTE ENOUGH TO BACK OUT OF THE CORNER AGUSTSSON IS MANEUVERING HIMSELF INTO.
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